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TRIVIA!

#1) On 20 May 1980 this monument, on the parade field, was dedicated to honor a special group of Airman on Lackland. To whom is this monument dedicated to?



#2) On 14 May 1908, this man (pictured left) had the honor of becoming the first aircraft passenger while taking a flight with Wilbur Wright. What is this man's name?

Email your answers to: 37trw.ho@lackland.af.mil
Winners will be selected randomly
& awarded a prize!

April '09 winner is: Lt Col Darren Bishop 37TRG/CD
Wins a round of golf at the Gateway Hills Golf Course

Featured Team Lackland unit:

CIVIL AIR PATROL!

On 26 May 1948, the United States Congress passed public law 557, which permanently established the Civil Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the newly formed United States Air Force. The mission of the Lackland Civil Air Patrol is to serve the United States by completing homeland security and humanitarian missions for the communities around them.



Core Values:
"Integrity, Excellence,
Respect, Volunteer Service"



Air Force Historical Tidbit:

On 14 May 1969, the USAF commenced *Operation Combat Mosquito* in Ecuador as part of humanitarian aid to the Latin American country.

Operation Combat Mosquito began with two C-141 flights, that airlifted more than 50 tons of insecticide and two UC-123s that sprayed insecticide over the country's coastal marshes to combat a mosquito epidemic. By the end of May 1969 – the USAF had exterminated 95% of the pesky-critters.



LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR AF KNOWLEDGE??

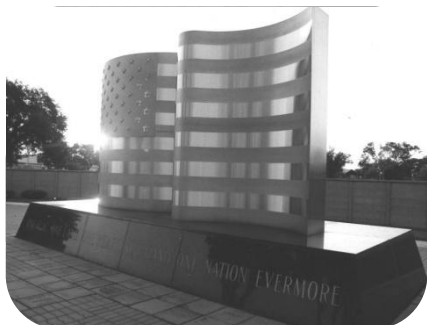
Make a stop at your local 37th TRW Office of History & Research for a free copy of: "Wings of Hope; the USAF & Humanitarian Airlift Operations"



Kelly Field!



May 1917, Kelly Field opened its first post office! The mail was delivered via motorcycle, and the establishment consisted of only two small tents and two men!



May, 1992, Kelly AFB dedicated the Veteran's Monument, a memorial to the service all veterans both in the military and civil service have provided to the United States during times of conflict.

The Worlds First Jet Ace:

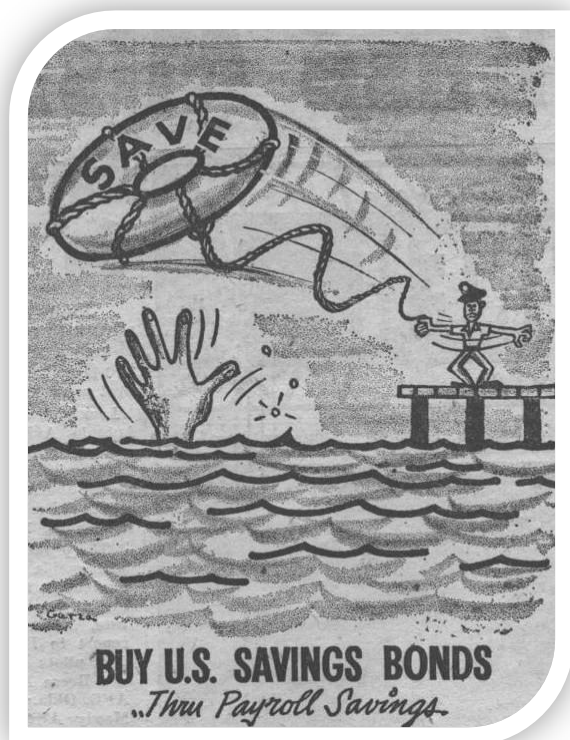


20 May 1951 Captain James Jabara became the world's first jet ace after downing his fifth and sixth enemy aircraft in aerial combat (Soviet built MIG-15s) over the skies of Korea.



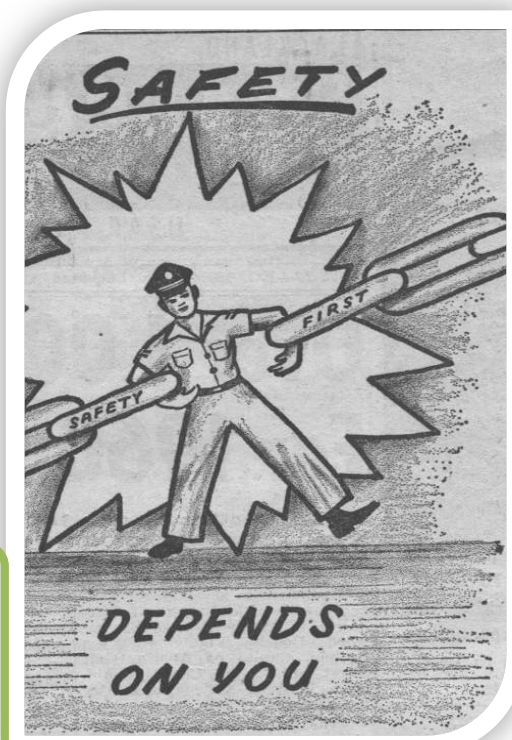
This Month in History...

- 1949: the first edition of the commercial "Flying Times" Kelly newspaper hit the shelves!
- 1951: Lackland Independent School District was created by the Texas State Board of Education.
- 1956: the first B-52 entered Kelly's workshops as a prototype for a workload that would last over 30 years.
- 1987: Lackland hosted five officers from the People's Republic of China to receive English language instruction.
- 1997: the Air Force Band of the West's name is officially adopted by the USAF.




Archived;
Lackland
Talespinner
Cartoons;
May, 1960


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<http://www.lackland.af.mil/library/history/index.asp>

USAF Basic Military Training Flight Photograph Project:

www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil

"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging of the future but by the past."

-Edward Gibbon